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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO MORTON/OPREA MEETING

REF: BUCHAREST 3647

1. COM/BEWT OFFICIALS MET WITH COUNSELOR IONITA AUGUST 1 TO DISCUSS SEPTEMBER VISIT OF ROMANIAN DELEGATION. COMMERCE PRESENTED IONITA WITH DRAFT AGENDA COVERING THREE AND ONE-HALF DAYS OF MEETINGS. SUMMARY OF AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: FIRST DAY TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATING TO A) ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO U.S., B) U.S. EXPORTS TO ROMANIA AND C) POTENTIAL COOPERATION PROJECTS AND JOINT VENTURES. SECOND AND THIRD DAYS SET ASIDE FOR WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS CONCENTRATING ON MORE SPECIFIC ISSUES AND PROBLEMS. FINAL MORNING FOR WORKING GROUP REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS DRAFT AGENDA FOR COMMENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISED THEIR INTENTION TO FORWARD SAME TO BUCHAREST FOR

COMMENTS. COMMERCE HAS POUCHED AGENDA TO EMBASSY FOR COMMENTS.

3. POSSIBILITY DAS DOWNEY NOT IN WASHINGTON FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. CONSEQUENTLY COMMERCE EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

4. RE PARA. 5 REFTEL IDEA THAT QUOTE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS UNQUOTE ON COOPERATION PROPOSALS BE HELD IN BUCHAREST. COMMERCE UNDERSTANDING AND VIEW ON THIS MATTER IS THAT EMBASSY IS IN A POSITION TO HAVE LEADING ROLE CONCERNING (A) STATUS OF ONGOING DISCUSSIONS IN BUCHAREST WITH U.S. FIRMS, AND (B) IDENTIFICATION OF NEW PROJECTS FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH U.S. FIRMS. HOWEVER, THE IDENTIFICATION AND STIMULATION OF INTEREST OF U.S. FIRMS IN ROMANIAN VENTURES APPEARS APPROPRIATELY HANDLED FROM WASHINGTON BASE. TO DO THIS EFFECTIVELY THE EMBASSY IDENTIFICATION, COMMENTARY AND EVALUATION OF JOINT VENTURE AND OTHER COOPERATION PROJECTS IS NECESSARY. CONSEQUENTLY, COOPERATION PROJECTS AND JOINT VENTURES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED ON AGENDA AND EMBASSY INPUT NEEDED SOONEST TO ENABLE OUR PREPARATION FRAMEWORK DISCUSSIONS THESE MATTERS IN EFFECTIVE MANNER AT SEPTEMBER MEETINGS.

5. RE PARA. 3 REFTEL CONCERNING EXPORT LICENSE MATTERS. THIS ISSUE LARGELY RESOLVED OR AT LEAST FULLY EXPLAINED IN PRELIMINARY MEETINGS. THIS, IS MARGINAL ISSUE AND CERTAINLY NOT ONE FOR SEPARATE INCLUSION ON AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER MEETINGS. EXPORT CONTROL WILL BE BROADLY ADDRESSED WITHIN CONTEXT OF U.S. EXPORTS AND COOPERATION PROPOSALS.

6. RE PARA. 3 REFTEL FACILITATION OF CONTACTS WITH U.S. FIRMS. PRELIMINARY CONTACTS ALREADY PROCEEDING. ONCE WASHINGTON HAS RESULTS OF MEETINGS IN BUCHAREST, AND PROJECT LISTS, TOGETHER WITH SUCH INFORMATION AS ROMANIAN PRIORITIES AND EMBASSY VIEWS, ADDITIONAL CONTACTS CAN BE MADE. PLEASE INDICATE WHEN EMBASSY LISTS OF COOPERATION NEGOTIATIONS POUCHED TO WASHINGTON.

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